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Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers Honours Outstanding Leaders

Toronto, Ontario - November 24, 2005 – Two prominent contributors to second language education were recognized for their outstanding achievements in a ceremony that concluded the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers' (CASLT) Annual General Meeting over the weekend.

Dr. Peter Heffernan from the University of Lethbridge, Alberta received the prestigious Robert Roy Award, and Mr. Vincent Bueti of Winnipeg, Manitoba, was granted an Honorary Lifetime Membership to the Association.

Dr. Heffernan's leadership contributions and achievements in second language education were shared. From his interesting and informative research articles, most notably: *Core French Teachers Continuing Professional Development, Balancing the Ideal and the Real*; to his strong editorial expertise with various prestigious editorial boards. His balance of theory and practice highlights his skills as an ideal teacher of teachers.

Mr. Vincent Bueti was recognized for his significant long-time service to the association and to second language education through his leadership and vision in promoting linguistic duality and recognition of cultural diversity on a national scale. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Bueti helped guide the association and develop it into the strong volunteer based, not for profit, organization that it is today.

Dr. Heffernan and Mr. Bueti join a distinguished list of past award recipients who have been honoured by the CASLT for outstanding service.

The Robert Roy Award is granted to an outstanding Canadian who has distinguished him or herself in the world of teaching, research or writing, and in advancing second language teaching and learning in Canada. The award was first introduced by CASLT in 1983. Past winners include Dr. Merrill Swain, Dr. Wally Lazaruk, and Dr. Pierre Calvé.

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